CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: -B1.mpg

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 802135

Medium: Computer Moving Image File

Director: Not stated

Producer: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: English

Applicant: District Court at Wellington

Classification: Objectionable.

Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 29 January 2009

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

	Components	Running time
Feature(s):	-B1.mpg	0:20
Total running time:		0:20

Summary of reasons for decision:

The publication is classified as objectionable because of the extent and degree of its degrading, dehumanising and demeaning material, and its representation of women as inherently inferior.

The computer moving image file depicts aggressive and controlling sexual activity that degrades, dehumanises and demeans a woman to a high degree. The availability of this material would be injurious to the public good given the encouragement it gives to the viewer to find a woman's

degradation by men as sexually arousing. Frequent viewing of this type of material by some people is likely to encourage misogynistic attitudes.

This classification interferes with the freedoms set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but the outcome is a reasonable limitation and consistent with Parliament's intention. It reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to prevent the availability of publications that are likely to be injurious to the public good for reasons specified in s3(3) of the FVPC Act.